

## WEST AFRICA

Classification: UNHCR Bureaux/Operations

## A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees*	1,394,031	980,504	919,314	883,264	753,482	492,329	522,153	531,178	465,120	377,167
Asylum-seekers	4,311	5,798	8,262	7,275	8,610	13,617	19,441	19,633	28,032	27,316
Returned refugees**	89,619	64,240	467,381	118,532	84,200	97,380	98,008	70,882	91,223	77,908
Internally displaced	974,600	836,000	993,842	590,584	410,686	196,116	404,115	569,655	536,605	278,861
Returned IDPs	..	-	-	262,361	213,361	-	-	-	33,050	266,744
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Others of concern***	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	35	3,034
Total	..	1,886,542	2,388,799	1,862,016	1,470,339	799,442	1,043,717	1,206,348	1,154,065	1,031,030

\* Includes UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. \*\* Based on country of asylum and origin reports. \*\*\* Includes stateless persons up to 2003.

## 2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	27,406	85,132	304,559	41,387	14,734	13,851	144,227	109,046	9,520	39,181
Individually recognized*	10,088	8,388	2,960	4,511	5,508	19,008	3,244	17,621	2,661	2,988
Resettlement	-	-	17	51	98	62	7	-	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	73,344	59,810	449,296	119,724	86,497	100,546	97,930	71,297	91,415	77,996
Resettlement	171	929	1,516	3,685	3,248	2,034	594	2,535	6,266	5,578
Naturalization	..	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

\* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. \*\* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

## 3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	7,890	10,759	7,034	9,735	10,704	24,352	13,833	21,245	13,195	24,365
1951 Convention status	4,948	5,226	2,768	4,474	5,398	11,464	3,238	17,619	2,649	2,988
Allowed/humanitarian	5,140	3,162	192	37	110	7,544	6	2	12	-

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	2,670.3	1,878.2	1,761.0	1,691.9	1,443.3	943.1	1,000.2	1,017.5	890.9	722.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	5.0	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.4
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	253.6	178.4	167.2	160.7	137.1	89.6	95.0	96.6	84.6	68.6
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	3,613.7	4,575.8	3,566.7	2,816.5	1,531.3	1,999.3	2,310.8	2,210.6	1,975.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	6.8	8.6	6.7	5.3	2.9	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.7
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	343.2	434.6	338.7	267.5	145.4	189.9	219.5	209.9	187.6

\* Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

## B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR--demographic characteristics\*

Sex	<5	5-17	18-59	60+	Various	Total	<5 (%)	5-17 (%)	18-59 (%)	60+ (%)	F/M (%)
Female	23,403	60,147	81,643	5,383	66,429	237,005	14%	35%	48%	3%	51%
Male	22,958	58,449	83,562	3,964	57,235	226,168	14%	35%	49%	2%	49%
Total	46,361	118,596	165,205	9,347	123,664	463,173	14%	35%	49%	3%	100%

\* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

## 2. Population of concern--location\*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	348,958
Urban	131,989
Dispersed/various	280,158
Total	761,105
Camps/centers	46%
Urban	17%

\* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	33,780
1969 OAU Convention	283,957
UNHCR Mandate	59,428
Other/unknown*	2
Total	377,167
1951 UN Convention	9%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	278,507
Individually recognized	59,435
Other/unknown	39,225
Total	377,167
Prima facie (group)	74%
Individually recognized	16%